

**To:** Faulk, Libby[Faulk.Libby@epa.gov]  
**From:** Citizen Name/Ex. 6  
**Sent:** Wed 8/12/2015 8:39:29 PM  
**Subject:** FW: ...has EPA Region 8 been taking sediment sampling of the stream channel bottom...Form submission from: Emergency Response to Gold King Mine Release Contact Us About Emergency Response to the Gold King Mine Release form

Libby,

I attended the first public meeting in Durango and sent the email below via the EPA website that has been established for the Gold King Mine Release. I specifically asked if the stream bottom/sediment is being evaluated in addition to water sampling and did not receive an answer to this question in the response (below).

Has EPA Region 8 been taking sediment sampling of the stream channel bottom in the reach of Animas River from Silverton to Durango? If not, why has this not been conducted? And is this something that can be added to the sampling protocol prior to reopening the stream to the public to ensure kids/adults playing in the beach areas are not exposed to high levels of metals/other toxins when the stream bottom is disturbed from walking/playing while they are in the water. Thanks in advance for responding to my inquiry.

Sincerely,

Citizen Name/Ex. 6

> From: R8EISC@epa.gov  
> To: Personal Email/Ex. 6  
> CC: R8EISC@epa.gov  
> Subject: Re: ...has EPA Region 8 been taking sediment sampling of the stream channel bottom...Form submission from: Emergency Response to Gold King Mine Release Contact Us About Emergency Response to the Gold King Mine Release form  
> Date: Wed, 12 Aug 2015 17:19:32 +0000  
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> EPA is committed to working closely with response agencies and state and local officials to ensure the safety of citizens, respond to concerns and to evaluate impact to water contaminated by the Gold King Mine Release. EPA is sharing information as quickly as possible with the public as experts work to evaluate any effects the spill may have on drinking water, public health, agriculture, fish and wildlife.  
> Please see our website for the latest information: <http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine>  
> Regular updates will be posted as they are available.  
> EPA Hotline: 844-607-9700  
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> From: drupal\_admin@epa.gov <drupal\_admin@epa.gov> on behalf of EPA <drupal\_admin@epa.gov>  
> Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 4:55 PM  
> To: R8EISC

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> Submitted on 08/12/2015 12:55PM

> Submitted values are:

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> Name: **Personal Email/Ex. 6**

> Email

> Comments: In addition to water sampling - has EPA Region 8 been taking  
> sediment sampling of the stream channel bottom in the reach of Animas River  
> from Silverton to Durango? If not, why has this not been conducted? And is  
> this something that can be added to the sampling protocol prior to reopening  
> the stream to the public to ensure kids/adults playing in the beach areas are  
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